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PENNSYLVANIA'S "I VIVACI" at CAMDEN, N. J.

A highlight of the entertainment segment of the annual dinner-dance of the Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge No. 494 of Camden, N. J., was the presentation of Italian folk songs and dances by I Vivaci, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's choral and dancing group. Carl Suppa is musical director, Mrs. Elba Gurzau, dance director, and Ernest Nusca is business manager. (Story and another picture on Page 8.)

Immigration Legislation

Order's Views Presented To Democrats and G.O.P.

The Order's seven-point immigration program was presented last month to both Platform Committees of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, Md., national chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee, arranged for the presentation of the seven-point program to both parties.

Announcement of the Order's Immigration Committee's action was contained in a letter by Brother Culotta to Supreme Ven-

erable Joseph Gorrasi and committee members. The letter follows:

Dear Supreme Venerable:

"On July 6, 1960, I discussed with Brother Joseph A. L. Errigo, a co-member of the Immigration Committee and Supreme Recording Secretary, the need for presenting the Order's Immigration Program to Platform Committees of the Democrat and Republican Conventions. It was agreed that Brother Errigo would arrange for presentation of our Program to the Democrat Convention and that he would immediately wire the Platform Committee the following program:

"1. Elimination of the infamous National Origins System and in its place to submit a more fair and humanitarian Immigration Policy.

"2. To adopt the 1960 in lieu of the 1920 Census to establish quotas.

"3. To abolish mortgages on quotas.

"4. To grant more favorable preferences to relatives of United States citizens.

"5. To equalize citizenship be-

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Pennsylvania 'Spectacular'

Grand Lodge Benefit For Home Campaign

PHILADELPHIA—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's campaign to raise funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation and National Memorial Home will wind up with a spectacular show in Convention Hall here late this year.

The announcement was made by Commissioner John P. Crisconi, state chairman, at a meeting held in the Sons of Italy building. It was attended by fund-raisers from the eastern section of the state.

Crisconi said the show's program would include performances by leading artists in the entertainment field.

A date has not been selected, but State Chairman Crisconi said it would be sometime in December.

Free Trip to Italy

A top prize of a free trip to Italy will be included in the dozens of door prizes to be awarded.

Speakers included President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable and chairman of Region 1, who called on every member to contribute to Pennsylvania's quota of \$125,000; State Chairman Crisconi, Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, deputy chairman of the national drive; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi; Joseph Valeo, president of the Hospitalization Fund.

Also, Frank Tropea, president of the Mortuary Fund Commission; Supreme Trustee Silvio Perrella; Mrs. Michael Ciccarone, president of the Women's Division; Grand Trustee Joseph Monte; Venerable John T. Turchi, ofUnione Abruzzese Lodge, chairman of the Philadelphia city committee; Mrs. Ledena Rainone, ex-venerable of the Renaissance Lodge; Paul Tranchitella, recording secretary of the Commonwealth Lodge, and the Rev. Fr. John Positano of East Vine-land, N. J.

Sectional Chairmen

Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo of Ambler was named chairman for Eastern Pennsylvania.

Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto of Mt. Pleasant was previously named chairman for western Pennsylvania.

The Advisory Committee appointed to assist State Chairman Crisconi includes, Assistant Grand Venerable Cortese, Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci, Grand Orator Nicholas A. Cipriani, Grand Recording Secretary Biagi, Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo and Grand Treasurer Anthony Zafiro.

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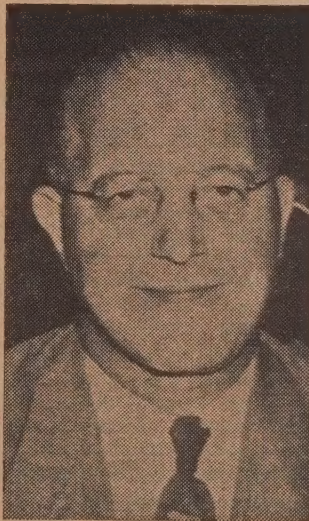
Campaign Leaders



John P. Crisconi Sr.
State Chairman



Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini
Regional Chairman



Joseph C. Palermo
Eastern Chairman



Joseph Cernuto
Western Chairman

Spatuzza Assisted In Presentation Of Order's Program

Atty. George J. Spatuzza of Chicago, Ex-Supreme Venerable, was named an assistant secretary of the Republican National Convention held last month in Chicago.

Republican National Committee Chairman Senator Thurston B. Morton, who made the announcement, said Spatuzza was one of the twelve outstanding nationality leaders in the country to receive the appointment.

Ex-Supreme Venerable Spatuzza also assisted former Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Baltimore, Md., in the presentation of the Order's 7-point Immigration program to the Republican Platform Committee.

Home Fund Total is \$23,649

Reports received from the Supreme Lodge office and 15 of the 21 state chairmen show that \$23,649.00 has been collected towards the goal of \$400,000 to erect the National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C. Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, comptroller of funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation reported that as of July 23 he had received and deposited \$16,427.50 in the Foundation's account. Included in this amount is the recent transfer of funds of the Order's National Historical Society of \$1,000. The additional \$7,221.50 has

been reported as collected by state chairmen but returns have not been made to Brother DeMartinis.

The official state-by-state tabulation of monies received by the Supreme Lodge office will be found on Page 5.

The Grand Lodge of The Northwest is still the only Grand Lodge to surpass its quota of \$3,500. Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, Wash., Supreme Trustee and state chairman, reports that members in the Northwest have contributed \$3,590.50 and the

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New Public Relations Plan Wins Support

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Early reaction is favorable to Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi's proposal for a complete overhauling of the Order's public relations setup. A number of replies have been received from Grand Venerables who were asked in a special letter to give serious consideration to the plan for a more effective and workable system of public relations within the Order.

All of the replies received so far from Grand Venerables indicate that there is ample support for the Supreme Venerable's proposal.

We urge all those grand Venerables who have not as yet replied to the letter from the Order's National Public Relations Chairman to do so at once. There are numerous details to be ironed out before the new setup can be put into effect.

Chief point in the Supreme Venerable's proposal is a better liaison between local groups concerned with public relations and the National Public Relations Committee.

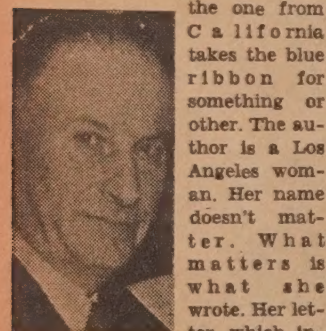
So that all the Grand Lodges can better understand the reasons for the new setup, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi has proposed a national meeting sometime in the Fall of the National Public Relations Committee together with those who will be assigned to handle public relations by the various Grand Lodges.

As soon as all Grand Venerables have replied to the National Chairman's letter further details will be worked out and the information relayed at once to all Grand Lodges.

A "hate" letter

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of California has relayed a letter to this department which underscores what we have been saying for months, namely that millions of Americans have been "brainwashed" into accepting pure fiction for fact.

A great many letters cross our desk in the course of a week, but the one from California takes the blue ribbon for something or other. The author is a Los Angeles woman. Her name doesn't matter. What matters is what she wrote. Her letter, which incidentally was signed, reached Brother Raeta a day or two after he had appeared on a television program.



The California Grand Venerable had been invited to take part in the TV program for the purpose of explaining the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people." Brother Raeta went to considerable trouble to prepare his case. He asked for, and received, help from the National Committee on Public Relations in the preparation of material.

In the course of the TV program Brother Raeta told why the Order has undertaken its campaign and he quoted from material to support his statements.

Now we recognize the fact that we are surrounded by all sorts of cranks and crackpots. We usually shrug off what they have to say as unimportant. But this let-

Rhode Island On Public Relations

Grand Council Approves Project

An interesting sidelight to the Supreme Venerable's plan to re-vamp public relations of the Order comes from Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island Grand Council has approved the proposal to setup a state committee and local committees on public relations. This is the word from Grand Venerable Luigi Scala. And the entire membership of the Rhode Island Order has been alerted to the proposal via a special bulletin.

We quote from Brother Scala's message to members of the Rhode Island Order:

"It (public relations) is a very important activity, of great significance not only for the Order but for all Italian-American communities . . .

"I am calling a meeting of some of our members who because of their position and their devotion may contribute their valuable cooperation.

"At this meeting explanations will be given as to the duties of these committees; suggestions will be considered and Committees will be appointed."



SCALA

ter from California can't be dismissed lightly. What this Hollywood woman has to say is a vicious attack on all things Italian. She honestly believes that anyone of Italian background is pre-disposed to crime. She has come to believe this because of television, the movies and the press. These medias have created an image in her mind and the minds of thousands of others like her. And this image is not a pretty one to see.

We have only one other observation to make concerning this letter from Hollywood. Call the woman anything you will but the truth of the matter is we are still a long way from winning our battle and anyone who thinks differently is living in a dream world.

Someone Sees 'Red'

Not a single day passes that we don't get mail concerned with the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people." For the most part the mail shows wide support for the work being done by the entire Order.

Once in a while there's a letter off the beaten path. Take a recent letter Supreme Venerable Gorrasi received from a top official of a national organization with headquarters in New Jersey.

This letter suggests that "anti-Italian villification" is Communist inspired. The author of the letter further states: "We think that the Reds are the real rulers of crime in America and are using anti-Italian agitation as a red-herring to hide their own criminality."

This is certainly a new twist. Any number of explanations have come our way regarding the current trend to stereotype Italians as criminals. But this is the first intimation that the Communist organization is spear-heading a hate campaign against Italians.

We know the author of the letter means well and is friendly to our cause. The general tenor of the letter is friendly and sympathetic.

We seriously doubt, however, that the Communists have anything to do with our problem. There hasn't been the slightest

evidence to substantiate this theory so no purpose would be served by starting now to look under beds for goblins or witches. If we did we would get off on tangents and defeat our purposes of keeping our campaign on a rational and intelligent level.

Request From Illinois

A member of Vigo Lodge, Rockford, Ill., writes to inquire if material concerned with the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people" and which has appeared periodically in OSIA NEWS is available "under one cover."

We wish we could say to Brother Edolo J. Giorgi that this material was available in book form, but unfortunately such is not the case. No funds are available for such a project however worthy it may seem.

Here is Brother Giorgi's letter: "I am writing to find out if it is possible to get all the copies of OSIA NEWS carrying articles concerned, with the smearing of our Italian names by television, movies and news media. If that is not possible could I get some of the articles? Has any of this good writing been put under one cover. Do you have any reference material I could get my hands on?"

"Any information on the above subject will be appreciated."

(Editor's Note: The material has been forwarded to Brother Giorgi.)

ODDS AND ENDS—From Brother Nick Benedetto, long-time member of the Marlboro, Mass., lodge, comes word of a protest he made to the editor of a Boston newspaper because of a syndicated article in which the writer made some irresponsible statements on the Mafia. Brother Benedetto also wrote the columnist. The Boston editor replied to Benedetto's protest, but the columnist did not.

The material sent this department by Benedetto was included in the "dossier" which has been forwarded by the Public Relations Committee of the Order to the editor of a group of daily newspapers in this country.

A word of thanks to Brother

Massachusetts Convention

Praise For OSIA NEWS

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by delegates to the annual convention of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge at Poland Springs, Maine:

WHEREAS, the OSIA NEWS is the official Publication of the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Sons of Italy in America.

WHEREAS, the OSIA NEWS has manifested many times over, the great value in keeping our members nation wide abreast of current activities and events not only within the Order, but those which affect our Order.

WHEREAS, its director, A. Alfred Marcello, in conjunction with his activities as Chairman of the National Public Relations Committee has spearheaded an educated and informative attack on the indiscriminate use of the word Mafia in the Radio-TV Broadcasting area, as well as all other situations or innendos which might tend to defame or deprecate those of Italian ancestry.

WHEREAS, through the brilliant articles authored by Brother Marcello and published in OSIA NEWS, and further through his direct attack by every available means, the fruits of these labors are now coming to light and there has been a definite understanding on the greater part of the community relative to this problem.

THEREFORE We the delegates of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts duly assembled in Convention at Poland Springs, Maine on June 21, 1960, do hereby resolve:

1. That the Supreme Council continue its efforts in the fight against anti-discrimination and pledge our cooperation and assistance in the fulfillment of this goal.
2. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine work and activities of the Director of the OSIA NEWS, A. Alfred Marcello.
3. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Council and the Director of the OSIA NEWS.

John Garze of Mahanoy City, Pa., for his letter and a clipping from a Pennsylvania newspaper. This concerns a verbal swipe by State Police Commissioner Frank G. McCartney at television programs featuring crime.

McCartney deplored the tendency of TV writers for picking one nationality group to depict the criminal element in the United States.

The police official said: "No race or nation of men holds a special place in the records of crime."

Our thanks also to Atty. Ernest W. Teodosio of Akron, O., for his letter which follows:

Dear Brother Marcello:

"I wish to compliment you on the fine work your Committee is doing in connection with the public relations program of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

"Keep up the good work".

Glen Cove, N. Y.

Lodge Hails Italy's Newest Ocean Liner

GLEN COVE, N. Y. — Members of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 hailed the arrival last month of Italy's newest liner, the Leonardo da Vinci, in a message of welcome to the ship's Captain, Armando Pinelli.

The new queen of the Italian merchant fleet completed her Genoa to New York maiden crossing in nine days.

The message, sent on behalf of the lodge by Venerable Louis Petrucci, said:

"Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016, New York, Order Sons of Italy in America, welcomes to the United States of America, the Leonardo da Vinci on her maiden voyage.

"We are proud to share with the rest of the merchant marine world in extending best wishes for everlasting success.

"Once again—from Glen Cove Lodge . . . 'Salute and Benvenuta.'"

In March 1959 officials of the lodge extended best wishes to

authorities at the Ansaldo Shipyards in Genoa on the occasion of the launching and completion of the ship's superstructure.

The \$32-million ship is Italy's biggest ocean liner. She is 770 feet long and weight 36,300 tons. The salons and cabins are decked with modern Italian paintings, ornaments and tapestries.

John A. Volpe Named to National Group

BOSTON — John A. Volpe of Winchester, general chairman of the National Memorial Home fund campaign, has been named a member of the National Captive Nations Committee.

This national group is working for the eventual independence of those nations now under Communist domination.

Volpe, the Bay State Republican nominee for Governor, recently became the first New Englander to be elected president of the Associated General Contractors of America. He is head of the John A. Volpe Construction Co., of Malden.

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You Owe It To Yourself ... You Owe It To The Order
To Help Your Grand Lodge Achieve Its Goal In The
Campaign To Build A National Memorial Home In
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What You Can Do To Help Campaign

- Solicit your fellow - members, your friends, your neighbors.
- Get your lodge to purchase a Pillar of Marble Citation or a Golden Certificate.
- Or propose to your lodge that consideration be given to the proposal of sponsoring a Columbus Day observance and that all net proceeds be donated to the Sons of Italy Foundation.
- But most of all make certain that you are doing your part by making a personal contribution. It could be \$5 for a paper Marble Block, or \$50 for a Pillar of Marble Citation. Big or small do your part and help to clinch the success of this campaign.

This is another in the series of special messages donated by OSIA NEWS, the official publication of the Order, to help members understand the need and urgency of the nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation and the National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Fulfill Your Obligation to
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Enclosed is my contribution of _____ for the purchase of:

- ☐ A \$5.00 Marble Block Certificate
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Supreme Lodge, 1202 South Broad Street, Philadelphia 46, Pa.

DO IT NOW!

This Is What The Order's Foundation Means To You

When the Order's National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C., is completed, it will put the spotlight on the cultural, artistic and scientific contributions of the vast legion of Americans of Italian origin to the United States.

The Sons of Italy Foundation, through its exhibits to be displayed at the Memorial Home, will commemorate and honor the great men and women who have left their mark on world civilization.

The National Memorial Home will stand as a symbol of achievement, and a constant reminder of the works and accomplishments of 'true Sons of Italy' in the arts, the professions, literature, education, religion, commerce, labor, science and industry.

Its fruition will represent the crowning achievement in the long and glorious history of our Order.

Some Pertinent Facts About National Memorial Home

LOCATION ... at the junction of Massachusetts Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue, at 16th Street ... six blocks from the White House ... three blocks from the Statler Hotel and three blocks from the Mayflower Hotel.

PURPOSES ... The Home will provide permanent headquarters for the Order for meetings and for a central point from which information will flow for the benefit of all members.

FACILITIES ... The Home will be staffed with permanent employees ... a Memorial Hall will highlight the achievements of Italians and of Americans of Italian origin. There will be offices for Supreme Lodge officials, and an auditorium. The building will be a complete self-contained unit with facilities for carrying on the affairs of the Order under one roof.

Along The Campaign Trail

AMEDEO VOLPE URGES SUPPORT OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL HOME

(In the following letter by Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe of Schenectady, N. Y., the writer appeals to members throughout the Order to give financial support to the campaign to raise funds for the construction of the National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C. The letter was received by Executive Secretary A. Alfred Marcello.—Editor)

Dear Al:

"... I am somewhat disappointed because I cannot say that I am pleased with the response from our membership relative to contributions to the National Home Fund. It is my considered opinion it is not enough that we become incensed because there are those who see fit to use whatever means available to discredit us as a race and then when we have the opportunity to do something positive we are reluctant to actively participate.

"I have repeatedly said that it is not enough to bask in the reflected glory of our predecessors. True, we take pride in their many contributions to civilization but just as important is the contribution that we average Americans of Italian extraction are willing to make.

"Here is an opportunity for all members of our beloved Order, by a small financial contribution of fulfilling a realization that is long overdue. This cannot be accomplished by wishful think-



VOLPE

ing nor superfluous words. The wholehearted support of each and every member of the Order is necessary.

"It is not a matter of economics, it is a matter of national prestige. No one member is being asked to give a substantial amount and if each and every one will assume his share of the responsibility the amount to be given per member is less than five dollars.

"In my humble opinion, if we can become aroused by those who vilify us we should by the same token become just as aroused when an opportunity is presented to us as Americans of Italian extraction to show in a positive manner that we are a united organization, proud of our contributions of the past, proud of the contributions of the present and confident of the contributions we shall make in the future.

"I am grateful to those who on a national and state level have done everything possible to arouse our membership to this worthy cause. All that is needed is a small effort on the part of the average member."



THREE WALTHAM, MASS., MEMBERS HONORED

Plaques were presented to three Waltham Lodge members, from left to right, Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Supreme Trustee Modest S. Mele and Grand Trustee Antonio Mosca. Peter Rizzo, left rear, venerable, and Pat Girolamo, co-chairman, look on.

Testimonial Dinner

\$625 Proceeds Go to Home Fund

WALTHAM, Mass.—More than 700 persons attended a testimonial dinner honoring three outstanding members of Waltham Lodge at Blinstrub's. Proceeds of the affair, \$625, was turned over to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Honored were Supreme Trustee Modest Mele, Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi and Grand Trustee Antonio Mosca. They were cited for outstanding ability "both in the Sons of Italy and their communities."

Dante Alighieri Lodge and Regina Margherita Lodge were co-sponsors of the dinner.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Charles Malone, co-chairman, who called attention to the twofold purpose of the testimonial: "honor to these men, distinguished in their fields for service, and to raise funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation."

John A. Volpe of Winchester, general chairman of the National Memorial Home fund drive,

stressed the importance of the National Home as a museum to display the culture and art of the Italian people.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, lauded the three men for outstanding service to the Order.

Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor, extended the greetings of the Grand Lodge.

Mayor Austin D. Rhodes praised Italian-Americans for their contribution to the community.

Edmund Taralla, ex-venerable, was toastmaster. Mrs. Edmund Taralla, venerable of the women's lodge, presented bouquets to the wives of the honored guests.

The three honored guests were

presented plaques by Peter Rizzo, venerable, and Pat Girolamo, co-chairman. Supreme Trustee Mele is with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Grand Orator Campisi is a manufacturer and Grand Trustee Mosca, a practicing attorney, is a member of the State Tax Appellate Board.

Introduced were parents of the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Mele, Mrs. Carmela Campisi and Mr. and Mrs. Sabatino Mosca.

Grand Lodge officers attending were: Ex-Grand Venerable John Guarino, Grand Recording Secretary Sophie E. Gorrasi, Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Grand Trustees Russ Iuliano, Mario Columbo, Joseph V. Nucio, Louis Salvatore and Ann Pascarelli; and Joseph Furnari, chairman of charities.

The committee, Mrs. Ann Smiley, Mrs. Palmer Guarente, Nicholas Cardillo, Miss Jenny Salamone, Charles Graceffa, Mrs. James Martin, Peter Abelli, Paul Franchina, Mrs. Anthony Genova and Mrs. Anthony Dentino.



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ACCEPTS \$100 DONATION

A. Alfred Marcello, right, Executive Secretary of the National Memorial Home fund campaign accepts \$100 contribution from Venerable Salvatore Sciarone of South Barre, Mass., presented on behalf of Giuseppe Verde Lodge No. 1088.

Benefit Aids Campaign

SOUTH BARRE, Mass.—Members of Giuseppe Verde Lodge No. 1088 presented a country-style show recently and donated \$100 of the proceeds to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Presentation of the lodge contribution was made by Venerable Salvatore Sciarone to A. Alfred Marcello, executive secretary of the National Home fund raising campaign.

The lodge, composed of 26 members, had as its special guests several hundred school children.

Venerable Sciarone was general chairman. Other officers assisting were Giovanni Spano, ex-venerable; Filippo Maio, recording secretary; Carmelo Coppolino, financial secretary; John Velardi, treasurer; Antonino Staite, Vir-

gilio Cioce, Salvatore Mallozzi, Giuseppe Baro and Anthony L. Salvatore, trustees.

Members serving on the general committee were, Giuseppina Baro, Robert Copetti, Domenica Copetti, Theresina Cioce, Alfonso Ciccone, Orlando Ciccone, Giovanni Celona, Assunto Fagnoli, Beatrice Janetti, Lucia Pereschino, Amalia Onorato, Cesare Onorato, Antonia Spano, Frank Inzerillo, Salvatore Lamacchia, James Chilleri, Anthony Borelli, Louis Borelli, Nicholas Borelli and James Mirabile.

In The Mail Bag

Letter Praises Home Campaign

The following letter by Dionigi Carfagno, 81-year-old pioneer of the Order from Paterson, N. J., is typical of the letters received at the national headquarters of the Home fund campaign.

Brother Carfagno's remarks are representative of the feelings of the Order's pioneers who realize that the Order is on the threshold of even greater progress in its campaign to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Marcello:

"In reading your excellent article in the May issue I think it is my deep duty to send my \$5.00 contribution, and I hope that every member will do the same.

"We should all be very happy to have someone like you to do such good work. I call this a great honor for the Sons of Italy and all Italian Americans. We all appreciate that we have you to show all the world what the Italians can do.

"I feel honored to be a member of the Sons of Italy. I have been a member of Guglielmo Marconi Lodge No. 17 of Paterson, N.J., since it was founded. Now I am with Paterson Lodge. I think that I did my share for the good of the Order when I was young. Now I am 81 years old and have been ill for the past 7 years, but still I do what I can. I am sure that under your guidance we will meet with success. Good luck to you and all the rest that work as you do. You have my best regards."

Dionigi Carfagno
Paterson, N. J.

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money has been forwarded to DeMartinis.

Other Grand Lodges that are nearing their goal are Florida and Maryland.

Grand Venerable John B. Sartor of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, reporting for State Chairman Frank Settecas, states that approximately \$3,000 of Florida's quota of \$4,200 has been raised.

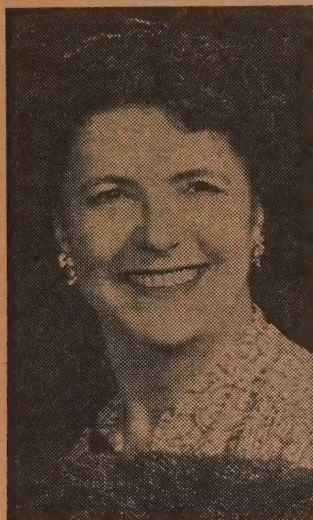
The Grand Lodge of Maryland, whose quota is \$1,500, has raised \$1,000. Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, reporting for State Chairman Marion Nasco, said remaining \$500 will soon be collected and sent to Brother DeMartinis.

Other Grand Lodges making financial reports: California, \$10, quota, \$35,000; Delaware, \$205, quota, \$2,000; Illinois, \$2,550, quota, \$7,000; Indiana, \$10, quota \$1,500; Massachusetts, \$4,521.50, quota, \$55,000; New Jersey, \$36, quota, \$15,000; New York, \$4,545, quota, \$15,000; Ohio, \$130, quota, \$15,000; Ontario, \$850, quota, \$3,500; Pennsylvania, \$505, quota, \$125,000; Virginia, \$686, quota, \$1,500; and West Virginia, \$1,010, quota, \$6,000.

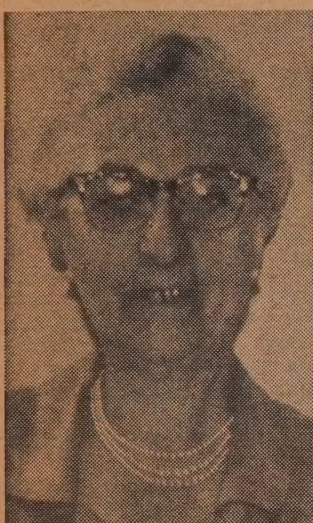
CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, Md., announced that \$1,000 of Maryland's \$1,500 quota has been sent to Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis of Philadelphia.

They're Champs



MRS. MADELINE DI FABIO
Venerable



MARY GALLUCCI



CECELIA OLIVERIO

The three women above, all members of City of Roses Lodge No. 1623 of Portland, Oregon, sparked the women's division in The Northwest's drive for funds for the National Memorial Home. Mrs. DiFabio, venerable of the lodge, and her committee collected \$1,015 to assist the Grand Lodge in surpassing its quota of \$3,500. Mrs. DiFabio, because of her many community activities and organizational work with civic and veterans' groups, has been named a member of the Portland Presidents Council. She has served as president of Salon 331; Eight and Forty for two terms and Rome Unit, American Legion Auxiliary for six terms.

He said further that Maryland will meet its quota within several weeks when the remaining \$500 is mailed to Brother DeMartinis. The money was raised through the sale of program ads in conjunction with the Grand Lodge's American Award Dinner honoring Grand Recording Secretary Guy Sardella.

Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Micell of Medford, raised \$535 for the Home fund at an Auction Interest held at the recent Massachusetts Grand Convention held in Poland Spring, Maine. More than fifty gifts were distributed to the winners.

Members of Giuseppe Verde Lodge No. 1088 of South Barre, Mass., recently sponsored a country-style show and presented \$100 of the proceeds to the Home fund. Venerable Salvatore Sciarone was general chairman.

Grand Venerable John B. Sartor of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, reports that approximately \$3,000 has been raised for the Home fund. Sartor said a welcome home banquet will be given to State Chairman John Settecasì on his return from Italy on August 17. He said every effort will be made then to raise the entire quota of \$4,200.

Lodges of District No. 18 of Pennsylvania will climax their campaign to raise funds for the National Memorial Home at the Oct. 12 Columbus Day banquet.

Schenectady, N. Y. Building Fund

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Members of Schenectady Lodge No. 321 and Cornelia Ladies' Lodge No. 1980 have begun a drive to raise funds for erection of new quarters.

Venerable Joseph C. Bologna and Venerable Mrs. Rose Bengé have announced the appointments of Stephen DiGiorgio and Mrs. Rose DiSarro as general chairmen.

SPECTACULAR

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Western Pennsylvania Committees for the Home drive:

Eastern Pennsylvania

Supreme Orator Palmero, chairman. Supreme Trustee Silvio Perrella and Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, co-chairmen.

Grand Trustees Eugene Mirarchi, Joseph Monte, Arthur Paulini and John Teti; Gerard Caprio, Richard Daddona, Harry Farina, Anthony Leone, James Veraldi, Frank Tropea, Charles Amodei, Joseph Valeo and Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, assistant chairmen.

All venerables of Eastern Pennsylvania have been named to committees.

Western Pennsylvania

Supreme Treasurer Cernuto, chairman. Supreme Trustee Charles Caputo and Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chenet, co-chairmen.

Grand Trustees Frank Bosco, Adolph Cicco, Mary DeMatteis, Anthony DeOre, John M. DePanfilis, James Iorfida and Guy Mammolite; Louis P. Glasso, Sam Marrocco and Frank Alcamo, assistant chairmen.

All venerables of Western Pennsylvania have been named to committees.

Collection of Medals

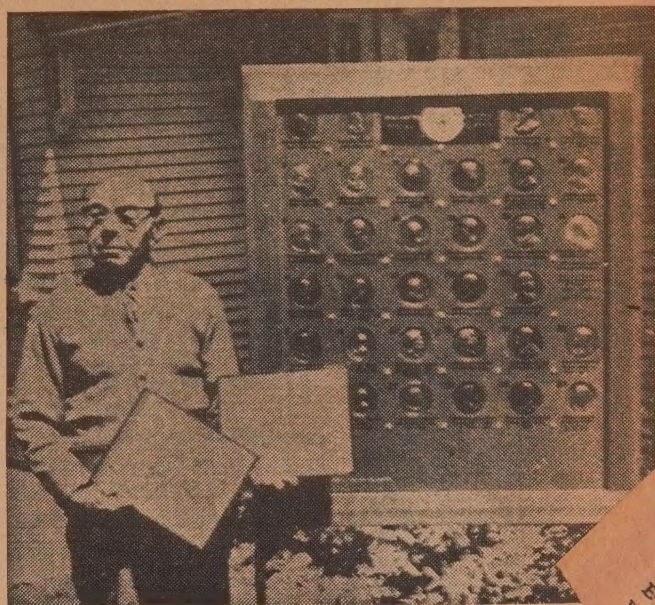
A Gift For Foundation

The Order's Sons of Italy Foundation has been offered its first gift since its inception to advance the arts and culture of the United States and Italy.

John Daly, a member of Seattle Lodge No. 1390 of Seattle, Wash., has offered the Foundation his complete collection of medals of the 33 presidents of the United States.

The collection is estimated to be worth \$8,000. Acceptance and transfer arrangements are being negotiated between Brother Daly, Supreme Trustee Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, and Atty. Americo V. Cortese of Philadelphia, a member of the Foundation's board of trustees, and president of the Historical Society and Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum.

Brother Daly has spent considerable time and money in acquiring the complete set. He has been offered as much as \$8,000 for his collection by other collectors in the field. His love and respect for the work of the Order and its newly created Sons of Italy Foundation prompted him to make his contribution to the National Memorial Home.



DONOR AND GIFT TO ORDER

John Daly of Seattle, Wash., is shown with his collection of presidential inaugural medals offered to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

(Editor's Note — Perhaps other members throughout the Order have an item that would be worthy of being exhibited in the National Memorial Home. Direct all inquiries to OSIA NEWS, 25 Foster Street, Worcester 8, Mass.)

Brother Daly was born in 1880 in Cervino, Caserta, Italy. He came to the United States in

1903 and settled in Broadfoot, Pa., where he worked as a section hand for the New York Central Railroad. He joined the U. S. Army in 1911 and was stationed at Fort Worden, Wash. Completing a two-year hitch, he married and re-enlisted and was discharged at his request after 18 months service. He joined the National Guard and served as a

minute man at the shipyards in Seattle during the World War I.

After the war, he worked for the Engineering department of the City of Seattle until his retirement for disability in 1944.

He is an organizer and charter member of the Seattle Lodge which was founded in 1925. He also assisted in the organization of the Fedele Lodge in 1927.

How They Stand

The Financial Picture

Here is an official state-by-state report of funds received by Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis from the various state chairmen in the National Memorial Home fund drive.

California	\$10.00
Delaware	\$205.00
Illinois	\$2,550.00
Indiana	\$10.00
Maryland	\$1,000.00
Massachusetts	\$3,900.00
New Jersey	\$36.00
New York	\$1,795.00
Ohio	\$130.00
Pennsylvania	\$505.00
Virginia	\$686.00
Washington, Oregon, Idaho	\$3,590.50
West Virginia	\$1,010.00
Historical Society Transfer	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$16,427.50

Reports From State Chairmen

Indiana — \$10

INDIANA — State Chairman Dominic J. Colone of Fort Wayne, in his first report to the National Home headquarters announced that \$10 has been raised towards Indiana's quota of \$1,500.

Colone noted that a more complete report on the drive will be submitted following a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Illinois — \$2,550

ILLINOIS—Collections in the Illinois National Home fund drive now total \$2,550 or 27.5 per cent of its quota of \$7,000.

Grand Financial Secretary Antonetta Vigna, reporting for State Chairman Anthony Paterno, announced that \$560 has been remitted to Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis at the Supreme Lodge office in Philadelphia, Pa. Previous remittance totalled \$1,990.

Latest contributions were re-

ceived from: Tri-Cities Lodge No. 1302, \$200; Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046, \$200; Anita Garibaldi Lodge No. 1351, \$100; Madre Cabrini Lodge No. 1904, \$25; Jane Adams Lodge No. 1754, \$20, and New Harvey Lodge No. 1641, \$15.

Mass. — \$4,521.50

MASSACHUSETTS — Lodges and individuals have contributed a total of \$4,521.50 towards the Massachusetts Home fund goal of \$55,000.

The report was made by State Chairman Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester.

Largest contribution to date is \$625, received from the Waltham Lodges. Junior Lodges in Waltham, Norwood, Lawrence and Watertown have contributed \$82.50.

Lodges contributing \$100 or more are, Risveglio Italiano, Somerville, \$300; Fior D'Italia No. 1640, Newton, \$200; Principessa

Gabriella di Savoia, Brighton, \$165; Winthrop Ladies' No. 2071, \$150; Santa Maria, Medford, \$100; Cornelia dei Gracchi, Watertown, \$100, and Giuseppe Verdi, South Barre, \$100.

New York — \$4,545

NEW YORK — The Grand Lodge of New York to date has raised \$4,535 or 29% of its \$15,000 quota for the National Memorial Home fund drive.

State Chairman Andrew G. Bongiorno of Glen Cove submitted the report of progress.

Ontario — \$850

ONTARIO — Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario have raised \$850 towards their quota of \$3,500 for the Order's proposed National Memorial Home to be erected in Washington, D. C.

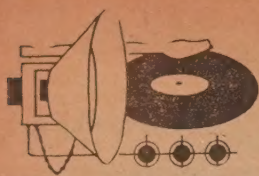
Report of Ontario's progress in the drive was made by Nicholas J. Zaffiro of Hamilton, provincial co-chairman. Grand Venerable Anthony Farano of Toronto is provincial chairman.

In his report Brother Zaffiro noted that \$150 was raised through sales of the \$5 paper Marble Blocks, and \$650 was collected through sales of the Pillar of Marble Citations.

Wash. — \$3,590.50

WASHINGTON — Members of The Northwest Grand Lodge are continuing the Home fund drive and have collected an additional \$90.50 above their quota of \$3,500.

The Northwest Grand Lodge, under the chairmanship of Supreme Trustee Dr. Nicholas Sarro, is the first Grand Lodge to achieve its quota.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

It was inevitable that with the advent of stereo the Beethoven nine symphonies would be committed to two-channel discs. What has been uncertain was the actual volume of these releases. But we now have the answer—stereo's version of the fundamental repertory of Beethoven symphonies are literally popping out of the woodwork. And we are happy to report that the quality of these recordings are exceptionally high.

Most of the major record companies are getting in on the act. So it is conceivable that the number of Beethoven's works to be recorded will soon reach an all time high. The latest Schwann catalogue lists more than 450 recordings of Beethoven's works. This is as no surprise since Beethoven's ANSERMET music has always received more attention than that of any other composer.

There are any number of outstanding performances among these new Beethoven releases. However, we will concern ourselves with a discussion of the noted Swiss conductor, Ernest Ansermet, who is in the process of recording all nine of Beethoven symphonies for London Records.

So far the Ansermet Beethoven cycle comprises:

Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Opus 21 on one side and Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Opus 93 on the other side.

Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Opus 56 couples with Leonore Overture No. 2, Opus 72.

Symphony No. 4 in B Flat Major, Opus 60 on one side and Carliolan Overture, Opus 62 on side two.

Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67.

Symphony No. 6 (Pastoral) in F Major, Opus 68, coupled with Prometheus Overture, Opus 43.

Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Opus 92 on side one and Fidelio Overture, Opus 72 on side two.

The question immediately arises: How do the Ansermet versions stack up with the performances of other conductors? Our unqualified answer is excellent.

Ansermet gives these readings the ingredients necessary for a majestic performance, namely, power, realism, exciting rhythmic qualities and the proper sensitivity.

No question, of course, that London's top-drawer engineering and the musical excellence of the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande have a great deal to do with the quality of these recordings. But it is Ansermet who dominates the scene.

Some Beethoven symphonies have a wider appeal than others. The Fifth is tops with most audiophiles. This symphony was among the first of the Beethoven "nine" Ansermet recorded in stereo. This universal classic has been given a fine, life-like, well posed reading by Ansermet. It is moving and effective throughout.

We reviewed Ansermet's stereo version of the Fourth in the

March edition of OSIA NEWS. We said then that this release was "a top performance all-around . . . Ansermet's reading is robust and penetrating."

Since then we have had an opportunity to compare recordings of the Fourth by other conductors with Ansermet. We now can state that Ansermet's is head and shoulders above all other versions now available in stereo.

Ansermet and the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande turn in a slick and polished performance in the popular Sixth (Pastoral) Symphony. Here Ansermet displays consummate skill in the careful balance between the strings and the winds of the orchestra. And the sound is on the spectacular side. London engineers add to the excitement sonically with a realistic storm climax.

This one certainly should be in every good Beethoven collection.

Beethoven's First was completed in 1800. The composer was then in his 30th year. As in the Sixth, Beethoven makes a wide use of chords in the First. They are tricky and call for sensitive balance. Ansermet and his brilliant orchestra come through with flying colors. The strings and the wind instruments are balanced neatly and effectively. No small achievement, as you will note when listening to this release.

Beethoven's Second has not been too popular with recording artists and this is difficult to understand. It is a brilliant score, with a remarkable first movement. We have the feeling that stereo will help this symphony to come into its own.

Certainly, Ansermet's interpretation will help accomplish this. This is one symphony that requires careful listening if one is to get the full impact of the sustained brilliance of the entire score.

The Seventh is considered the most popular of Beethoven's symphonies after the Fifth. The Seventh is notable for its ensemble playing. It is a score of wide and dramatic contrasts, calling for drive, clarity and excitement in performance. Ansermet's reading is rewarding in all phases. The orchestra is effective and the sound done in the best London tradition.

The Eighth has some of the characteristics of the Seventh in that both require careful and planned readings. Ansermet is his usual lucid self in the Eighth. Here Ansermet displays a deep feeling for the music for Beethoven. In short it is realistic and inspiring.

Latest word from London indicates that Ansermet will complete the Beethoven cycle sometime in the Fall with the recordings of the Third and Ninth Symphonies.

Massachusetts

Brother-Sister Installed at Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. — A brother and sister were installed as venerables for a second term at joint ceremonies sponsored by Christopher Columbus Lodge No. 168 and Princess Maria Gabriella Ladies' Lodge No. 313.

The Venerables are John J. Bello and Miss Gladys T. Bello.

Grand Deputy Ellen C. Vacca of Fitchburg, and Grand Deputy Genero L. Morte of Marlboro were installing officers.

Speakers were Grand Trustee Joseph A. Toscano of Worcester and Grand Trustee Olindo A. Ventola of Revere.

Guests, Grand Trustee Mario Colombo of Beverly, representing Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino; Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore of Fitchburg, president of the Junior Division, and Grand Trustee John L. Moschilli of Milford.

Columbus Lodge officers seated, Bello, venerable; Arthur A. Porcaro, assistant venerable; Domenic J. Conto, ex-venerable; Robert N. Scola, orator; Peter A. Flore, recording secretary; Angelo J. Aaiello, financial secretary; Carl J. Particionone, treasurer; Nunziato Cosenza, Vincent A. Caracciolo, William R. Ritacco, Felix D. Scricco and Croce Ventresca, trustees; Pietrangelo Brindisi and Pasquale A. Panese, masters of ceremony; Felice Caracciolo, sentinel.

Gabriella Lodge officers: Miss Bello, venerable; Mrs. Rose G. Porcaro, assistant venerable; Mrs. Catherine J. Razzano, ex-venerable; Mrs. Rose M. Meglio, orator; Mrs. Lillian C. Fiorentino, recording secretary; Miss Angela M. DeMauro, financial secretary; Mrs. Edith M. Romano, treasurer; Mrs. Grace M. Perrone, Mrs. Clementina Ursolo, Mrs. Anna M. Castellani, Mrs. Maryann Alicandro and Mrs. Mary F. Guitarini, trustees; Mrs. Lea L. Ferdella and Mrs. Elsa M. Giancaterino, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Rose E. Bello, sentinel.

Delegations attended from lodges in Marlboro, Milford, Shrewsbury, Fitchburg, Beverly, Revere, Revere and Andover.

Gabriella Lodge Awards \$200 Scholarship

WORCESTER, Mass. — The Princess Maria Gabriella Lodge \$200 scholarship was awarded to Robert J. Elia, 1960 graduate of North High School. He will enter Norwich University at Northfield, Vt., in September.

Scholarship presentation was made by Mrs. Rose G. Porcaro at a reception honoring the recipient. Members of the committee include Venerable Gladys T. Bello, Mrs. Catherine J. Razzano, Mrs. Clementina Ursolo and Mrs. Anna D. Scricco.

The lodge's awards for proficiency in Italian study at Venerini Academy were won by Miss Florea M. Calo of Shrewsbury and Miss Angela J. Andriski of Oakdale.

The lodge also assisted in sponsoring the first annual Italian speech contest at Venerini Academy. Other sponsors were Christopher Columbus Lodge and Unico Club.

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

JUDGE NOT...

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

In the sermon on the mount (Matt. 7,1), Our Lord says: "Judge not, that you may not be judged . . . and why seest the mote in thy brother's eye, and seest not the beam in thy own eye?"

An old fable tells us that man goes about with two bags slung over his shoulders, one of which hangs on his chest and the other on his back. The first bag, the one lying on his chest, contains all the faults and imperfections of his neighbor. Because it is under his very nose he is constantly seeing the faults of others. The other bag which hangs on his back, and because of this it is impossible to see into it, contains all his own faults. The sage advice given in the fable is this: shift the bags around so that the bag containing your own faults will be constantly under your eyes, and the bag containing the faults of others will be out of sight.

When Our Lord came upon a crowd which was about to stone to death a woman taken in adultery, He stopped them and said: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

All went their way.



FR. PALLOTTA

IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

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tween native born and naturalized citizens.

"6. To humanize some of the harsh provisions of the present immigration law relative to admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens.

"7. To revise and extend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 so that its provisions would be more broadly applied and consistent with our nation's history of fairness and humaneness.

"Former Governor of Maryland, Theodore R. McKeldin, a Delegate to the Republican National Convention has agreed to present our Program to the Platform Committee on behalf of the Supreme Venerable and this Committee. You may rest assured that Governor McKeldin will vigorously recommend our program, especially in view of his sincere and profound interest in the liberalization of our Immigration Policy.

"I recommend to you and the members of the Immigration Committee to obtain a copy of the Congressional Record of July 1, 1960 page 14381 to 14396, anent the debate on House Joint Resolution 397 in the United States Senate, entitled "Resettlement of Certain Refugees," to learn of the difficulties faced by those

Senators who believe in humane-ness and fairness in our Immigration Policies to obtain admission of certain refugees in line with our participation in World Refugee Year.

"The leadership of the Republican and Democrat Parties must assert itself if our country is to ever eliminate discrimination such as the National Origins System from the Immigration Act and gain the respect of our allies in the Free World. All the dollars that our government sends to foreign nations for economic and military aid will not necessarily result in true friendship and mutual admiration. The elimination of the National Origins System from our Immigration Laws will do more to enhance our prestige and mutual friendship than all the dollars that have been given away over the years. Yet, this change of policy by our government would not cost a cent.

"It seems unlikely that either Senator Kennedy's or Senator Keating's Bill will be enacted during this Congress in the general form in which it was submitted. However, the Congress will reconvene on August 8th and maybe the two political parties will cooperate to pass a bill that may be progressive. I doubt it very much."

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89 Sons Of Italy Make Cruise-Tour

PHILADELPHIA—Many of the 89 persons with the 1960 Cruise-Tour of the Sons of Italy, who sailed aboard the M. V. Augustus for Italy last month, are making their first visit to home towns since they left as children.

Hundreds of relatives and friends attended a Bon Voyage party held aboard ship prior to departure at Pier 84 in New York.

Other countries to be visited on the seven-week tour includes Austria and Switzerland.

Some of the historic cities tourists are now visiting include Naples, Rome, Pompeii, Amalfi, Sorrento, Capri, Castel Gandolfo and an audience with the Pope; Florence, Bologna, Venice, Klagenfurt, Vienna, Salzburg, the principality of Leichtenstein, Interlaken, Lucerne, Grindewald,

Milan, Lakes Como and Maggiore, Turin, Genoa, the Italian Riviera, Pisa, Grosseto and Formia.

The tour ends in Naples on August 7 when the M. V. Augustus begins the nine-day return trip to New York. Many of the tourists, however, will remain in Italy for extended visits with relatives and friends.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, who arranged the tour, is in charge of the group. He is being assisted by John Pugliese, of Philadelphia, president of the Sonsitaly Bank.

American-Italian Day

Outing Set For Aug. 28

WEST ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—Districts 15-18 will choose a "Miss Sons of Italy" and will name a "Man of the Year" at the annual American-Italian Day outing August 28 at Cascade Park in New Castle.

Highlights of the outing program were announced at a meeting of the A-I Day committee here, hosted by Herbert DeChellis and Mrs. Minnie Shaffalo.

Andy Biordi of Ellwood City, outing chairman, conducted the meeting.

Each lodge within the four districts is allowed one entry for the Miss Sons of Italy contest. Candidates must be between the ages of 18-25. She may be a member of the Order, or of American-Italian parentage and must be unmarried. Candidates will be judged on looks, personality, poise and intelligence by a group of judges.

The winner, to be known as "Miss Sons of Italy of Western Pennsylvania of 1960," will receive a prize of \$200. Second and third-place winners will be awarded prizes.

Guy Mammolite of Franklin is contest chairman. He is being assisted by Connie Congami, Barbara Montana, Tony Petulla, Sam SanFilippo, Joseph Oliver, Vito Rotunda and Rose Leone.

The "Man of the Year" will be chosen for his contribution to America as a candidate of Italian parentage.

Three Given Scholastic Awards

MONESSEN, Pa. — Members of Regina Ladies' Lodge honored three members of the 1960 graduating class of Monessen High School.

Mary Jo Pallone and Ann Bindi were recipients of the scholarships given annually by the men's and women's lodges. Both received cash awards. Michele Giannini, a third graduate to be honored, was not present to receive her award. She was competing in a speech tournament in San Diego.

Mrs. Angeline Bosco, venerable of the lodge, introduced the recipients. Miss Pallone will enter Pennsylvania State University and Miss Bindi will attend Indiana State College. Miss Giannini is enrolled at Carnegie Tech. Venerable Nuzzacci, of the men's lodge, participated in the presentation of scholarships.

Washington, Pa. "Mother of Year"

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Mrs. Gloria Graff was named "Mother of the Year" at the 26th anniversary dinner sponsored by Divina Madre Lodge No. 1701.

Others honored were, Mrs. Antonette DeMaria, oldest mother; Miss Philomena Patricelli, youngest member present; Mrs. Rose Necastro, largest number of children, and Mrs. Alex Paris, honored as first venerable of the lodge. Venerable Edith Troiani presented each with a gift.

Ambridge Societies Give "Italian Room"

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — The Federation of Italian Societies recently donated a room to the Ambridge Recreation Center, to be called the "Italian Room."

The Federation was organized in 1950 by a group headed by James Iorfido, a grand trustee of the Pennsylvania Sons of Italy.

2000 Attend Sagra at Dante School

CONCORDVILLE, Pa. — A record crowd of more than 2000 persons attended the annual Sagra held on the grounds of the Dante School.

Sponsors of the outing this year were members of District 1A. Grand Trustee Ernest M. Strollo was general chairman. John Pugliese, president of the Sons-Italy Bank, was treasurer.

The large crowd attended Holy Mass outdoors. Reverend Father Ierace was celebrant.

Speakers included Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi and Charles Amodei, president of the Dante School Commission.

Dr. Edgardo Rata del Vallino, Italian consul general, was a guest. Supreme Lodge officers attending were, Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo of Ambler, and Supreme Trustee Silvio Ferrella of Wilkes-Barre.

California

Membership Increase of 418 in 1959

SAN FRANCISCO—The Grand Lodge has recorded a net gain of 418 new members during the year ending December 31, 1959.

The total membership at the beginning of 1959 was 11,541. At the close of the year a total of 11,959 were enrolled in the California order.

In addition to the increase in membership, there were five new lodges organized.

Largest gain in membership was recorded by Denver Lodge of Denver, Colo., with 99 new members. The lodge was awarded a cash prize of \$100. Centinella Valley Lodge of Inglewood placed second with 66 new members and was awarded \$75. Emanuel Stelvin of Centinella Valley Lodge was the individual leader with 39 new members, he was awarded \$67.50.

The California Order as of December 31, 1959 had two lodges with more than 500 members; three lodges with more than 400; two lodges with more than 300; six lodges with more than 200, and 35 lodges with more than 100 members.

California Order's Picnic August 7

SAN FRANCISCO — A large crowd is expected to attend the annual California Grand Lodge picnic to be held Sunday, August 7 at Sunnyview Park in Mountain View.

Grand Orator Frank Ragone of San Jose is in charge of arrangements.

Among the highlights of the day will be a barbecue, entertainment, dancing and a sports program.

94 Are Inducted By Weed Lodges

WEED, Calif. — A class of 94 new members was initiated into the Order at ceremonies sponsored by Cuori Uniti Lodge and Gloria Lodge.

In other activities the lodges were hosts at a dinner honoring Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta and Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella.

Gorrasi—'False Image Created'

POLAND SPRING, Me.—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi sounded strong criticism of what he said was the "false image" created by certain television programs and newspapers unfavorable to the nation's 20-million Americans of Italian origin.

Speaking at the 46th annual Massachusetts Grand convention banquet, Gorrasi told the more than 400 delegates that the Order "deplores the methods used by these particular television programs, theatric license to the contrary, in the portrayal of the gangster stereotype."

The Order's chief executive, a practicing attorney from Woburn, Mass., continued:

"We further deplore the reportorial methods employed by particular newspapers which place all Americans of Italian origin in an unpopular light either by inference, innuendo or direct assertion."

Volpe Reports

John A. Volpe of Winchester, Mass., Republican candidate for governor, reported on the campaign to raise funds for the Order's proposed National Memorial Home to be erected in Washington, D. C. He is national chairman.

U. S. Rep. Frank Coffin of Maine told delegates that New England can learn two important lessons from Italy's resilience.

"The first is to concentrate on

manufacturing in those products which demand skilled labor and working with equipment and processes stemming from research," he said. "This requires vision and the will to invest."

He said the second lesson is the success of Italy in the European Common Market, showing that New England must approach its problems on a regional basis.

Coffin cited the success of Italy in its resilience and ability to change with the times and said New England must do the same.

"I am convinced that New England research capabilities and traditional trading acuteness will find in export trade an almost limitless opportunity," he said.

Award

The Don Orione Home for Aged Italians in East Boston, Mass., presented an award to the Grand Lodge in recognition of two fund drives conducted for the home's new buildings. The presentation was made by R. Alfred Campisi, of Waltham, Mass., vice chairman of the home's board of directors and grand orator of the Massachusetts Order.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Marshfield, Mass.; Massachusetts Public Works Commissioner Anthony N. DiNatale, representing Gov. Foster Furcolo; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe of East Boston, Grand Chaplain; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Palotta of Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain, and Dr. Dominic A. Santoro of Portland, Italian consular representative.

Massachusetts Superior Court Judge Felix Forte of Somerville, Past Supreme Venerable, addressed the delegates at the opening session. He emphasized contributions made to this country by Italians and Americans of Italian origin.

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Chicago

Valenzano Lodge Installs

CHICAGO — Franco P. Mas-trangelo has been installed venerable at ceremonies held in the quarters of San Rocco di Valenzano Lodge No. 1807.

Grand Treasurer Michael Cifone and Grand Trustee Dominick M. Alberti, who were installing officers, spoke on the progress of the National Memorial Home drive.

Officers seated were, Mastrangelo, venerable; Vito Berardi, assistant venerable; Frank Laudizio, orator; Rocco Laudizio, recording secretary; Frank Leuzzi, financial secretary; Michael Lomoro, treasurer; Anthony Cimarrusti, Mrs. Carmela Berardi, Mrs. Rose Cascarano, Nicola Bolognini and Nicola Agostinelli, trustees.

Cortese Speaker At Lodge Dinner

CAMDEN, N. J.—Atty. Americo V. Cortese of Philadelphia, Assistant Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania, was principal speaker at the annual dinner-dance sponsored by Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge No. 494 at the Walt Whitman Hotel.



PLAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Domenic Borello, left, venerable of Pietro Mascagna Lodge of Beaver Falls, Pa., and Angelo Muto, general chairman, are in charge of arrangements for the 25th anniversary celebration by the lodge on October 30, 1960.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria, Joseph Valeo of Philadelphia, president of Pennsylvania's hospitalization plan; Grand Trustee Nicholas Mignone; Mayor Alfred R. Pierce; Rev. Fr. Richard Gerbino of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church; City Commissioner Frank C. Italiano; Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, venerable and general chairman, and Mrs. Pauline Canzanese, ex-venerable.

Atty. Dominic G. Bocco, assistant venerable, was toastmaster.

Cortese told his audience of more than 300 persons of the "tremendous contributions" made by Italians and Italian-Americans to the culture of the United States.

The speaker, who is a member of the board of trustees of the Sons of Italy Foundation and president of the Order's Historical Society and Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum, also traced the Italian influence on America from Christopher Columbus to the present.

Highlight of the entertainment program was the performance by I Vivaci, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's choral and dancing group.

Lodge officers are, Dr. Ragone, venerable; Bosco, assistant venerable; Mrs. Canzanese, ex-venerable; Joseph Salta, orator; John Iula, recording secretary; Carmen Nocito, financial secretary; Angelo B. Cardone, treasurer; Rudolph Mignone, Charles Mignone, Vincenza Visceglia, Antonio Genzano and Helen Vergilio, trustees; Frank DeLuca and Nettie Narciso, masters of ceremony and Ralph DiGiuseppe, sentinel.

District 18 Plans Columbus Day Banquet

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa.—Lodges of District No. 18 advanced plans for its annual Columbus Day banquet to be held October 12 in the West Aliquippa Sons of Italy Hall.

Grand Trustee James Iorfido of Ambridge, district chairman, presided. Hosts for the meeting were Carl LeRoy and William Leo. Herbert DeChellis of Nuova Italia Lodge No. 305, West Aliquippa, was elected Columbus Day banquet chairman.



DISTRICTS 15 TO 18 AMERICAN ITALIAN DAY SET FOR NEW CASTLE, PA. AUGUST 28

Andy Biordi of Ellwood City, seated, general chairman, discusses plans for August 28 American-Italian Day with Frank DeBona of Beaver Falls, left, chairman of the ways and means committee, and Grand Trustee James V. Iorfido of Ambridge, honorary chairman. The event will be held at Cascade Park in New Castle.



PRINCIPALS AT CAMDEN, N. J. DINNER

From left to right, Vincent Canzanese, Mrs. Pauline Canzanese, past venerable; Joseph Valeo, Philadelphia, president of the Pennsylvania hospitalization plan; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, principal speaker; Mrs. Dominic G. Bocco and Dominic G. Bocco, toastmaster.

New York

Binghamton Lodge Honors Young Orator

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Members of Sons of Italy Lodge No. 487 honored Frank J. Buono, 1960 New York State oratorical champion, presenting him with a victory trophy and a United States government bond. Venerable Samuel Ruffo made the presentation.

Frank is the son of Atty. and Mrs. Peter N. Buono, lodge members, and a grand-nephew of Peter T. Campon, a nationally known orator and member of the Order for many years.

A recent graduate of North High School, Frank was president of the student body and a member of the cross-country track and baseball teams.

In winning the New York title and a \$2,500 scholarship, Frank is the possessor of eight trophies, representing his victories in seven events. Some of the honors he has accumulated include, "typical Teen-Ager," "Mayor of Binghamton," Woodman of the World Award, Knights of Columbus Oratorical champion, and twice winner of the Optimistic Club contest.



"GRADUATION" DAY IN PAWTUCKET, R. I.

Students of the Italian School of the Pawtucket Lodges complete their first scholastic year. First row, left to right, Alvio Ortis, teacher; Venerable Marion Ridolfi of Cairoli Lodge; Leo Turicchi, committee chairman; Venerable Severina Arrighi of Martha Washington Lodge; Venerable John D. Agostini of Roma Lodge; second row, left to right, students: Blanche Marganti, Ida O'Neill, Lina Tomellini, Therese Lablanc, Jean Pellegrini; third row, Jeanine Martel, Teresa Buoncrisiani, Margaret Cloutier, Susan Conforti, Karen Bertonecni; fourth row, Edmund Baldi, J. Iacchetti, Althea Scotti, Anna McCormick, Joseph Capineri and Domenic Agostini. The three lodges will continue the advanced Italian class and will institute another class for elementary Italian. Brother Turicchi, a member of Roma Lodge, is the principal organizer of the school. Instructor Ortis is an Italian university graduate. Seven students of the 24-member class were absent when picture was taken.



CONNECTICUT ESTABLISHES "COFFEE HOUR" TO RAISE FUNDS

Mrs. Samuel J. Ferreri, left, Grand Trustee and state chairman of the newly inaugurated Grand Lodge Coffee Chain Committee, is hostess for the first "Coffee Hour" at a lawn party held at her home in Mansfield. The new program, adopted at the recent Grand convention, will be carried out by each lodge to raise funds for the Grand Lodge. From left to right, Mrs. Ferreri, Grand Trustee Mrs. Mary Romano, New London; First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven; Grand Venerable Edwin T. Charlott, South Norwalk; Mayor Florimond J. Bergeron, Willimantic, and Samuel J. Ferreri, assistant venerable of Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge No. 267 of Willimantic.